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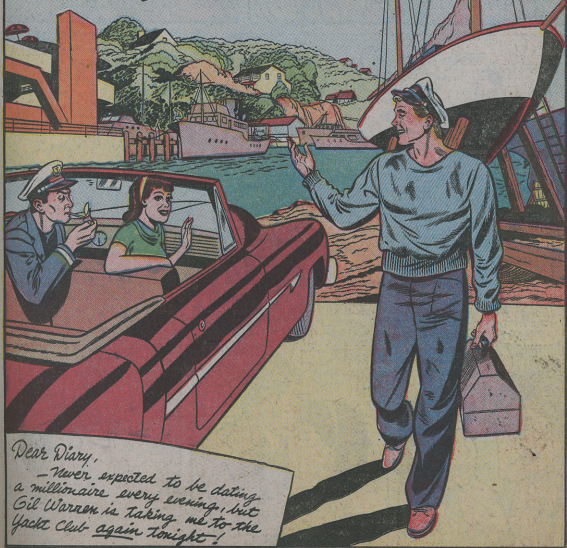
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PERHAPS BEAUTY WAS LORNA WOODS' HANDICAP! FOR WHEN WEALTHY GIL WARREN STEPPED DOWN THE SOCIAL LADDER AND SLIPPED AN ENGAGEMENT RING ON HER FINGER, IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE HE PRIDED HIMSELF ON BEAUTIFUL POSSESSIONS! AND WHEN BART DAVIS SAILED OUT OF LORNA'S LIFE, SHE KNEW THE ANGUISH OF A LOVER LOST ON...

HEARTBREAK PIER



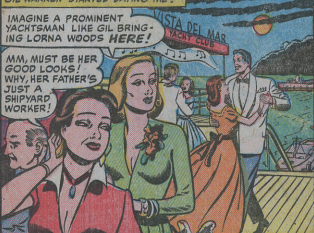
Dear Diary,

- Never expected to be dating a millionaire every evening, but Gil Warren is taking me to the Yacht Club again tonight!

EVERYONE IN OUR TINY SEACOAST VILLAGE TOOK NOTICE WHEN GIL WARREN STARTED DATING ME!

IMAGINE A PROMINENT YACHTSMAN LIKE GIL BRINGING LORNA WOODS HERE!

MM, MUST BE HER GOOD LOOKS! WHY, HER FATHER'S JUST A SHIPYARD WORKER!



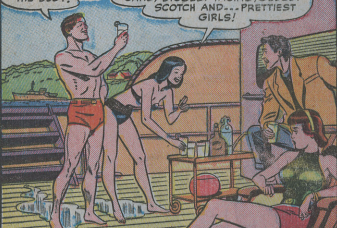
And I WONDERED TOO...

EVERY DEBUTANTE AT THE YACHT CLUB HAS GIL ON HER ELIGIBLE LIST! WHY DOES HE BOTHER WITH ME?



UM! NOTHING BUT THE BEST!

THAT'S GIL'S MOTTO! FLASHIEST CARS, BIGGEST YACHTS, OLDEST SCOTCH AND...PRETTIEST GIRLS!



NOTHING BUT THE BEST!

SHE'S RIGHT, HONEY! EVERYBODY KNOWS YOU'RE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN TOWN!



NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, IS THERE?

NO, BUT...I HATE TO THINK I'M JUST ANOTHER FLASHY POSSESSION TO SHOW OFF TO YOUR FRIENDS!



I MEAN...WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT TOGETHER FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND...WELL, I'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT MY FUTURE!

A BID FOR A PROPOSAL IF I EVER HEARD ONE!



PLENTY OF TIME, HONEY! BUT IF IT'S A WEDDING RING YOU WANT, YOU KNOW I'LL BUY YOU THE BEST!

YES, I... I SUPPOSE THERE IS... PLENTY OF TIME!



But
IN THE
MONTHS
THAT
FOLLOWED,
GIL
CAREFULLY
AVOIDED
ANY
WEDDING
PLANS!
THEN,
ONE
MORNING...



WAITING FOR
YOUR SHIP TO
COME IN, LADY!

WELL, SORT OF! GIL
WARREN'S GOING TO
SEND THE DINGHY TO
PICK ME UP!



WHEE-WHEW! YOUR
DAD MUST HAVE A
MONOPOLY ON
BUTTER AND
EGGS!

OH, THAT YACHT
ISN'T IN THE FAMILY!
IT BELONGS TO A...
FRIEND OF MINE!



LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE
BUILDING
YOUR
OWN!

YEP! WE DAVIS BOYS
DO EVERYTHING THE
HARD WAY! ER...
THAT'S MY
NAME...
BART DAVIS!



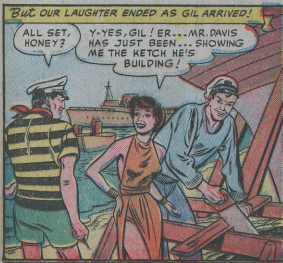
I'M LORNA WOODS--
AND I'M CURIOUS!
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOUR BOAT'S
FINISHED?

OH...I'M
THINKING
OF WHISKING
YOU OFF TO
A DESERT
ISLAND, AWAY
FROM THE
MILLIONAIRE
COMPETITION!



I LAUGHED WITH BART, BUT
AS HIS EYES MET MINE...

HE'S SO PLEASANT!
SOMEHOW THAT DESERT
ISLAND IDEA HAS
A LOT OF
APPEAL!



But OUR LAUGHTER ENDED AS GIL ARRIVED!

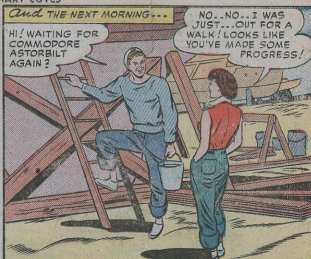
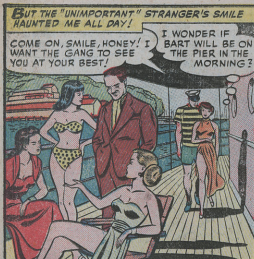
ALL SET,
HONEY?

Y-YES, GIL! ER...MR. DAVIS
HAS JUST BEEN... SHOWING
ME THE KETCH HE'S
BUILDING!



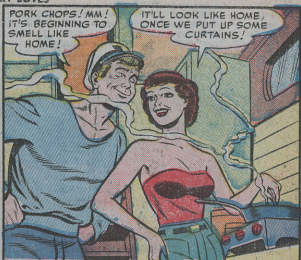
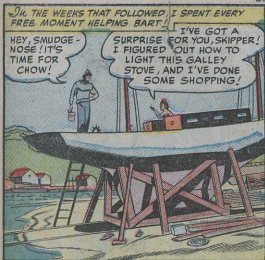
DROP BY
AGAIN,
LORNA...
ANYTIME!

COME ALONG, DEAR! SOME
PEOPLE ABOARD THE YACHT
I WANT YOU TO MEET!
IMPORTANT
PEOPLE!



The STRENGTH OF BART'S HAND AS IT TOUCHED MINE, THE NEARNESS OF HIM, MADE ME CATCH MY BREATH! WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THIS CASUAL STRANGER THAT ATTRACTED ME LIKE A MAGNET!





For A MOMENT OUR LIPS WERE DRAWN TOGETHER, BUT SUDDENLY BART WAS HIS OLD, CASUAL SELF AGAIN! IT WAS AS THOUGH HE WOULDN'T PERMIT HIMSELF THE LUXURY OF LOVE!

AND
THOUGH
BEING WITH
BART WAS
WONDERFUL,
I FOUND
GIL AT MY
SIDE
ALMOST
EVERY
EVENING!
AND THEN
THE TIME
CAME!

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT THE
TIME YOU'RE SPENDING WITH THAT
BEACHCOMBER, LORNA! IT'S
EMBARRASSING TO ME!

BUT WHY
SHOULD IT
BE, GIL? WE
AREN'T
REALLY
ENGAGED!



WE WEREN'T, HONEY! BUT WE
ARE NOW!

GIL! I...
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY!



DON'T SAY
ANYTHING...
JUST
RELAX!

THIS IS WHAT
I WANTED!
GIL'S PROMISE
OF MARRIAGE!
BUT NOW I'M
NOT SURE!



THE NEXT MORNING...

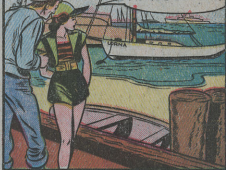
I SHOULDN'T SEE BART
AGAIN! BUT IT WON'T HURT
TO SEE HIM
ONCE MORE...
TO SAY GOOD-
BYE!



BUT THERE WAS NO PARTING FROM BART!

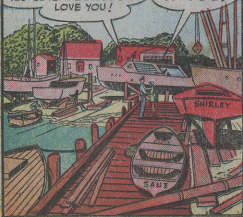
YOU MISSED THE LAUNCHING, BUT YOU
CAN STILL CHRISTEN HER! SHE'S
NAMED LORNA AFTER
YOU!

OH, BART, WHY
DID YOU DO THAT?



FOR THE SAME REASON
YOU KEEP COMING BACK
HERE, DARLING! BECAUSE
YOU LOVE ME... AND I
LOVE YOU!

I DO! I DIDN'T
KNOW IT
BEFORE...
BUT I DO!



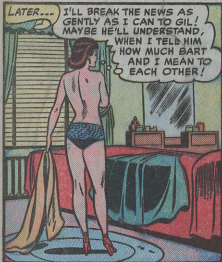
BART'S
KISSES
SWEEP
ASIDE MY
PROMISES
TO GIL...
MADE ME
FORGET
THE
SYMBOLIC
RING ON
MY
FINGER!

THEN I AM GOING TO WHISK YOU OFF TO
THAT ISLAND! WE'LL STOP AT SUN HARBOR
JUST LONG ENOUGH TO SEE A PREACHER!

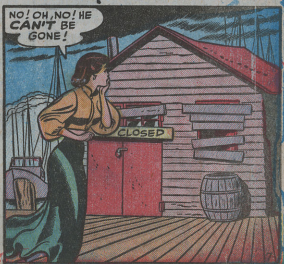
YES, BART!
OH, YES!



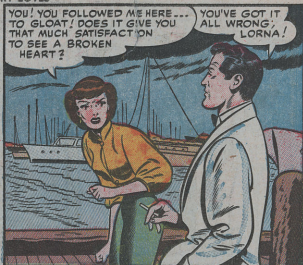
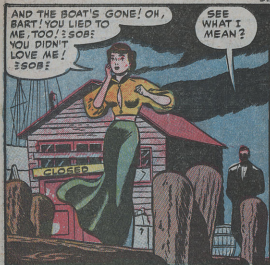
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TEARS STUNG IN MY EYES, BUT MY HEART WAS FREE! I HURRIED TO THE LITTLE WHARF SHACK BART HAD OCCUPIED WHILE BUILDING THE "LORNA" BUT WITH A SHOCK THAT STABBED AT MY HEART I SAW...

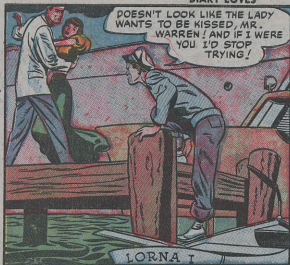


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WHITE
WITH
RAGE, GIL
FOUGHT ME
IN HIS
ARMS! BUT
AS I
STRUGGLED
DESPERATE-
LY TO
RESIST
HIM...!



DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE LADY
WANTS TO BE KISSED, MR.
WARREN! AND IF I WERE
YOU I'D STOP
TRYING!

LORNA I

DAVIS! I THOUGHT I HAVEN'T BROKEN
MY PROMISE! I PAID YOU TO
STAY AWAY FROM THIS
PROPERTY! BOAT'S CLEAR OF
THE BREAKWATER AND
THERE'S A DINGHY TIED
TO THE PIER, TO TAKE ME
TO IT!



GET GOING,
DAVIS! YOU WERE
TOLD TO TAKE
WHAT BELONGS TO
YOU AND GET OUT!



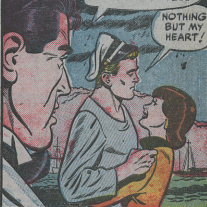
EXACTLY, AND I
JUST CAME
BACK FOR
THE LAST
AND MOST
PRECIOUS
OF MY POS-
SESSIONS!

YOU, LORNA! I COULDN'T
SAIL AWAY WITHOUT
YOU!



BART! OH,
DARLING,
I SHOULD
HAVE
KNOWN!

YOU... YOU CAN'T MARRY THIS MAN,
LORNA! HE'S PENNILESS! WHY,
HE CAN'T OFFER YOU
ANYTHING BUT...



NOTHING
BUT MY
HEART!

AND THAT'S
ENOUGH FOR
A WOMAN, WHEN
SHE LOVES A
MAN THE WAY
I LOVE BART!



I SHOULDN'T
HAVE WASTED
MY TIME
WITH
POOR
TRASH!

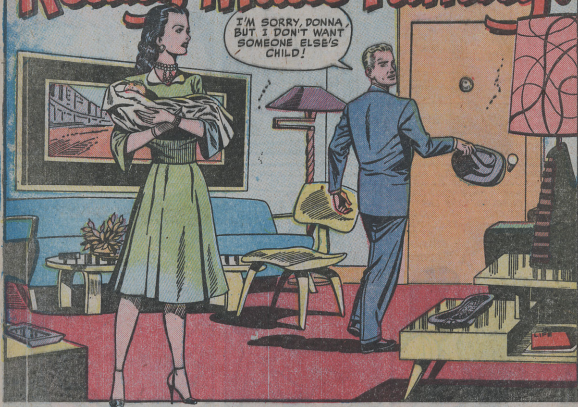
POOR? WE'VE GOT A
THOUSAND DOLLARS, A
BOAT... AND
A GREAT BIG
OCEAN! AND THEY
TELL ME THE
PREACHER
IN SUN
HARBOR
IS VERY
REASONABLE!



BART'S
WAY OF
LIVING IS
MY WAY OF
LIVING NOW!
AND
MAYBE
WE'LL
NEVER OWN
A YACHT LIKE
GIL'S, BUT
OUR TINY
KETCH WILL
ALWAYS
CARRY A
PRICELESS
CARGO
OF
KISSES!

I WAS ONLY EIGHTEEN WHEN I TOOK BABY JUDY TO RAISE! I LOVED HER LIKE MY OWN BUT I SOON LEARNED THAT A THREE MONTHS OLD INFANT IS A HANDICAP TO ROMANCE AND THAT FEW YOUNG MEN ARE WILLING TO MARRY A

Ready Made Family!



I WAS GOING STEADY WITH BILL EVERLY AND WE HAD REACHED THE SERIOUS STAGE!

DONNA, I'VE BEEN THINKING THINGS OVER! I'VE HAD A PROMOTION AND CAN SAVE MORE MONEY NOW!

THAT'S GOOD, BILL!

IN ANOTHER SIX MONTHS I SHOULD BE PRETTY WELL SET! THEN, DARLING, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

YES! YOU KNOW I WILL!



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SO I, DONNA DAVIS, PROMISED TO BECOME MRS. EVERLY! I LOVED BILL! BESIDES, I WAS ALONE IN THE WORLD EXCEPT FOR A SISTER AND SHE HAD A HUSBAND AND YOUNG BABY TO THINK ABOUT! NOW, AT LAST, I COULD HAVE A HOME, TOO!



WE'LL HAVE TO GO SLOW FOR A WHILE!

WHO CARES? I'LL KEEP ON WORKING UNTIL WE GET SQUARED AROUND!



WE'LL BUY WHAT FURNITURE WE NEED! THEN WE'LL ADD TO IT AS WE GO ALONG!

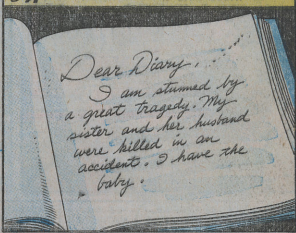
AND I CAN MAKE THE DRAPES AND SLIP-COVERS MYSELF! BILL, I'M SO HAPPY!

BUT MY HAPPINESS WAS DUE FOR A DREADFUL LET-DOWN! ONE EVENING...

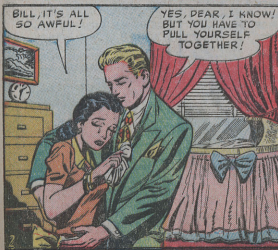


MY SISTER? BOTH OF THEM? NO! IT CAN'T BE TRUE!

MY DIARY RECORDS THE GRIM STORY...

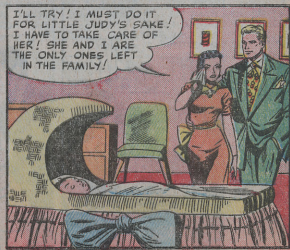


Dear Diary, I am stunned by a great tragedy. My sister and her husband were killed in an accident. I have the baby.



BILL, IT'S ALL SO AWFUL!

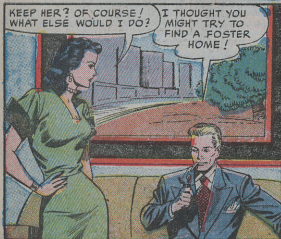
YES, DEAR, I KNOW! BUT YOU HAVE TO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!



I'LL TRY! I MUST DO IT FOR LITTLE JUDY'S SAKE! I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HER! SHE AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES LEFT IN THE FAMILY!

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Bill
WAS MY
STANDBY
DURING THE
DISMAL
ORDEAL OF
THE DAYS
WHICH
FOLLOWED!
AND IF I HAD
LOVED HIM
BEFORE,
I WAS
DOUBLY
ENDEARED
TO HIM
NOW!



I WAS
TOO
STEEPED
IN SORROW
AND CON-
CERNED
WITH THE
BABY'S
WELFARE
TO CONSIDER
BILL'S
PLACE IN
THE
PICTURE! A
FEW DAYS
LATER I
TOOK JUDY
TO DR. GARY
MATHIS, TO
BE SURE
SHE WAS
GETTING
THE
RIGHT
CARE!





I'D LIKE TO BUT I KNOW SHE CAN'T DO IT! SHE HAS TO GET HOME TO HER OWN FAMILY!

THEN HOW ABOUT HIRING A BABY SITTER?



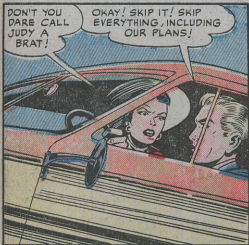
I DON'T KNOW ANYONE I CAN TRUST! BESIDES, I REALLY CAN'T AFFORD IT! I CAN HARDLY MAKE ENDS MEET NOW!

YEAH, I REALIZE THAT! OKAY, WE'LL JUST FORGET IT!



BILL, YOU'RE ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING! WHAT?

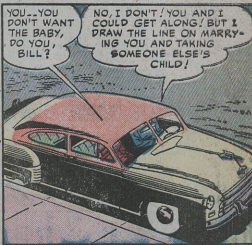
STOP AND FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF! WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED BUT WE CAN'T EVEN HAVE A DATE! THAT BRAT SURE MESSED THINGS UP FOR ME!



DON'T YOU DARE CALL JUDY A BRAT!

OKAY! SKIP IT! SKIP EVERYTHING, INCLUDING OUR PLANS!

ONLY THEN DID IT DAWN ON ME! BILL HAD BEEN A LITTLE BELLIGERENT BUT I HAD THOUGHT NOTHING ABOUT IT! NOW I KNEW! WE SAID NOTHING UNTIL WE WERE PARKED IN FRONT OF MY APARTMENT!



YOU--YOU DON'T WANT THE BABY, DO YOU, BILL?

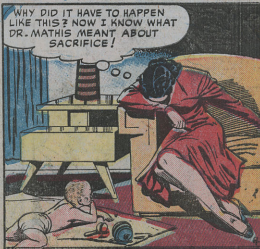
NO, I DON'T! YOU AND I COULD GET ALONG! BUT I DRAW THE LINE ON MARRYING YOU AND TAKING SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD!



YOU'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HER AND ME!

I'M SORRY! I LOVE YOU! BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP JUDY!

SOMEHOW I SENSED THAT I WOULD NEVER SEE BILL AGAIN! ADDED TO MY OTHER HEART-BREAK, IT WAS ALMOST TOO MUCH! IN MY APARTMENT, I GAVE WAY TO TEARS!



WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN LIKE THIS? NOW I KNOW WHAT DR. MATHIS MEANT ABOUT SACRIFICE!

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BUT DON'T YOU WORRY, DARLING!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU AND
WE'LL GET ALONG!

M
Y
LIFE WAS
LONELY
AFTER THAT.
MEN
ASKED
ME FOR
DATES AND,
WHEN I
COULD
AFFORD
A BABY
SITTER, I
ACCEPTED!
BUT THERE
WAS
ALWAYS
A BARRIER
BETWEEN
US!

I'M SORRY BUT I
HAVE TO GO HOME
NOW! THE GIRL WHO'S
WITH JUDY HAS TO
LEAVE AT ELEVEN!

WHY IN THE
WORLD DID YOU
GET TIED UP
WITH A CHILD?



OTHERWISE,
I'D BE HEAD
OVER HEELS IN
LOVE WITH YOU!

BUT NO
MAN WANTS
A READY
MADE
FAMILY! I
UNDER-
STAND!

The
FRIEND
I HAD
LEARNED
TO DEPEND
ON WAS
DR. MATHIS!
I TOOK
JUDY TO
HIM FOR
REGULAR
CHECKUPS!
AND I HAD
TOLD
HIM MY
TROUBLES!
THEN ONE
NIGHT...



DR. MATHIS, I
HATE TO
BOTHER YOU
AT THIS TIME
OF NIGHT!
BUT THE BABY
IS SICK AND
RUNNING A
FEVER!

I'LL BE
THERE IN
TEN
MINUTES,
DONNA!



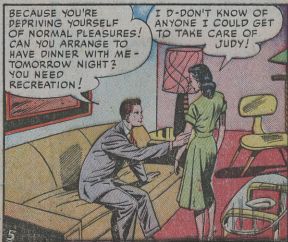
IT'S NOTHING
SERIOUS!
SHE'LL BE
FINE AGAIN
IN A DAY OR
SO!

THANK HEAVEN
FOR THAT! I
COULDN'T
STAND TO
LOSE HER,
TOO!



YOU WON'T! I'M NOT
AT ALL CONCERNED
ABOUT THE BABY!
THE ONE I'M
DISTURBED
ABOUT IS
YOU!

ME? WHY SHOULD
YOU WORRY ABOUT
ME?



BECAUSE YOU'RE
DEPRIVING YOURSELF
OF NORMAL PLEASURES!
CAN YOU ARRANGE TO
HAVE DINNER WITH ME -
TOMORROW NIGHT?
YOU NEED
RECREATION!

I D-DON'T KNOW OF
ANYONE I COULD GET
TO TAKE CARE OF
JUDY!

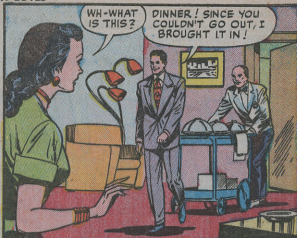
IN THAT CASE, LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!



I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL HIM THAT I WAS BROKE AND PINCHING PENNIES UNTIL PAY DAY AND COULDN'T AFFORD TO HIRE SOMEONE EVEN FOR A FEW HOURS! BUT I THINK HE KNEW! AND GARY WAS THE KIND OF MAN TO TAKE THINGS INTO HIS OWN HANDS!

WH-WHAT IS THIS?

DINNER! SINCE YOU COULDN'T GO OUT, I BROUGHT IT IN!



GARY, THIS IS ALL SO WONDERFUL! I...

YOU'RE WONDERFUL! NOT MANY GIRLS WOULD DO WHAT YOU'VE DONE!



I GUESS THAT'S WHY I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU!

DINNER IS SERVED! I'LL LEAVE NOW!



I SAW GARY OFTEN AFTER THAT! OUR DATES WERE SPENT BABY-SITTING BUT HE WAS THE DEAREST PERSON I HAD EVER KNOWN! FINALLY I FORGOT BILL! AND THEN...

DONNA, I WANT TO MARRY YOU! A DOCTOR NEEDS A WIFE WITH A BIG HEART LIKE YOURS!

BUT WOULD YOU TAKE JUDY, TOO?



NATURALLY! THAT'S PART OF THE BARGAIN!

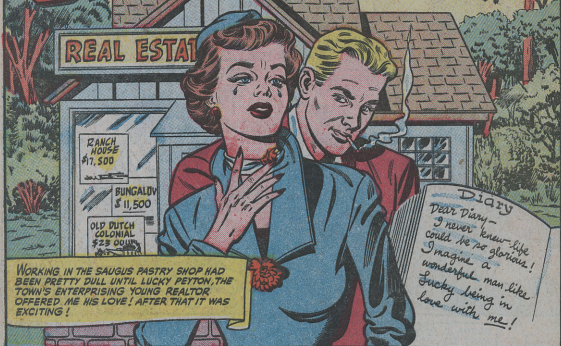
THEN THE ANSWER IS YES!



Dear Diary,
I haven't made an entry here for two weeks. Gary and I have been on our honeymoon. He hired a nurse to take care of Judy. Tomorrow we will apply for adoption. I am very happy.

"DON'T BELIEVE YOUR HEART!" MY FRIEND TOLD ME! "YOU CAN'T BE SURE YOU LOVE LUCKY PEYTON, WHEN NO OTHER MAN HAS EVER KISSED YOU OR HELD YOU IN HIS ARMS!" I LISTENED TO HER CARELESS ADVICE AND THEN, IN A RASH EFFORT TO PROVE THAT MY LOVE WAS UN-SHAKEABLE, I SHATTERED THE TRUST OF THE MAN I ADORED AND WITH ANGUISHED HEART I HEARD HIM CALL ME---

UNFAITHFUL!



I SOLD THAT FIVE-ACRE TRACT NEAR LANE'S WOODS TODAY! BUT THAT LITTLE HOUSE ON THE HILL I'M RESERVING, HONEY...FOR US!



WHAT YOU BEEN WRITING? MORE PRETTY WORDS INTO THAT SUPER-SECRET DIARY OF YOURS?



I'D BETTER GO AND SEE IF I CAN WRITE SOME CONFIDENTIAL CONTRACTS OR WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD THAT HONEYMOON HOUSE! BE GOOD, BABY!



DIARY LOVES

LUCKY'S VISITS ALWAYS LEFT ME A LITTLE BREATHLESS! BUT THIS TIME, I HAD NO CHANCE TO DAY DREAM, FOR SHORTLY AFTER HE LEFT...

POLLY JORDAN! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN DAYS!

JUST STOPPED IN FOR A DOZEN BREAD ROLLS AND CONVERSATION, DEBBIE! WHAT'S THAT?



A MAIL ORDER BLANK! LUCKY'S BIRTHDAY IS NEXT MONTH AND I'M ORDERING THESE THINGS FOR HIM, SEE?

SILVER SPURS, EH? OH, THAT'S RIGHT, LUCKY IS HORSE CRAZY!



NOTHING'S TOO GOOD FOR MY GUY!

YOU ARE FUNNY, DEB! I'LL BET YOU STILL KEEP THAT OLD DIARY UNDER THE COUNTER AND FILL IT WITH MUSHY PARAGRAPHS ABOUT LUCKY!



WHAT CAN YOU FIND TO WRITE ABOUT? IN FACT, HOW CAN YOU BE SURE YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE WITH HIM?

WHY, POLLY! THAT'S RIDICULOUS!



SERIOUSLY, IT'S DANGEROUS TO MARRY THE FIRST AND ONLY MAN YOU'VE EVER KISSED! SUPPOSE SOMEONE CAME ALONG AFTER YOU WERE MARRIED

BUT I COULDN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER MAN, POLLY!



LOOK, IT WOULDN'T HURT TO... COMPARE WOULD IT? MY BOY FRIEND'S COUSIN BRAD IS IN TOWN! I COULD ARRANGE A DOUBLE-DATE!

BUT I'D BE BORED! AND LUCKY WOULDN'T SPEAK TO ME!



IF HE KNEW ABOUT IT! BUT WE'LL DRIVE TO ROCK CITY TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T!

LUCKY IS MEETING WITH A PROSPECTIVE BUYER TOMORROW NIGHT...

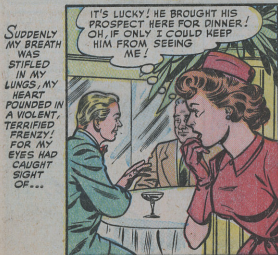
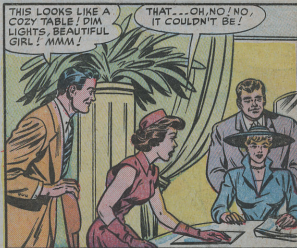
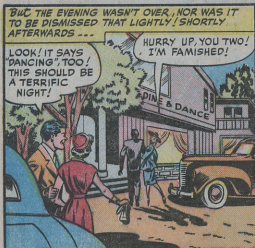
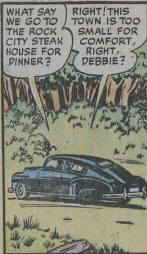


I'LL DO IT! BUT IT'S JUST TO SHOW YOU THAT NO OTHER MAN COULD POSSIBLY INTEREST ME!

WE'LL SEE, DEB! BRAD SAUNDERS IS AWFULLY ATTRACTIVE!



IT WAS A FOOL-HARDY THING TO DO, BUT I WAS ANXIOUS TO SHOW POLLY THAT OTHER MEN WERE NO TEMPTATION TO A GIRL WHO HAD TASTED LUCKY'S KISSES! BUT NEXT EVENING...



Dazed, trembling with fear that I would be discovered, I crouched in my chair, only half-conscious of the gay chatter around me!



But SUDDENLY THE FAMILIAR GREY EYES WERE UPON ME! FIRST THEY EXPRESSED DISBELIEF, AND THEN A COLD, KNOWING, CONTEMPTUOUS LOOK CLOUDED LUCKY'S FACE!



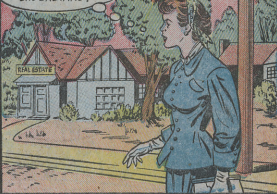
NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND THE EMOTIONAL TORMENT THAT RIPPED AT MY HEART THAT NIGHT!

WHAT CAN I SAY TO LUCKY!
SOB! HE LOOKED AT ME...
AS THOUGH HE...SOB!
DESPISED ME!



And EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

I WAS A FOOL TO LISTEN TO POLLY! OH, IF ONLY I CAN MAKE LUCKY UNDERSTAND!



WELL, AREN'T YOU UP BRIGHT AND EARLY FOR A GIRL WHO DANCED MOST OF THE NIGHT AWAY?

LUCKY, YOU... YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME!



YOU'RE WRONG, DEBORAH! I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU! I THINK I KNOW TOO MUCH ALREADY!

I KNOW I WAS WRONG TO GO OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE, BUT... THAT MAN DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME! I... I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!



WHY NOT? YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO SEE HIM! I WON'T BE AROUND!

LUCKY! OH, DARLING, YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!



CAN'T I? I TRUSTED YOU IMPLICITLY! YOU HAD MY LOVE, MY FAITH, MY RESPECT! YOU WERE GOING TO BE MY WIFE, REMEMBER?

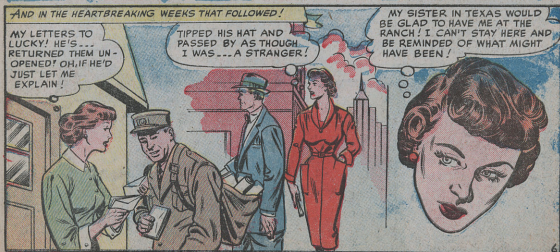
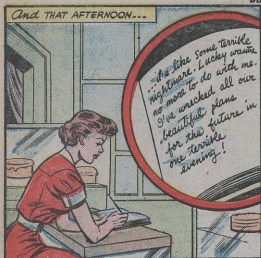
DON'T SAY IT THAT WAY, LUCKY! I DIDN'T...



YOU'D BETTER GO NOW! THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR TREACHERY AND... IT ONLY HURTS TO TALK ABOUT IT!

OH, LUCKY... HOW CAN YOU...SOB! BE SO HEARTLESS?





ONCE MY DECISION WAS MADE, I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF TOWN! IN THE TINY QUARTERS I OCCUPIED BEHIND THE STORE, POLLY HELPED ME PACK!



YOUR DIARY! EVERY TIME I LOOK AT IT, MY CONSCIENCE HURTS!

FORGET IT, POLLY! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER! IT'S... NOT YOUR FAULT!

THAT'S ALL I CAN FIT INTO THIS SUITCASE, DEB! WHAT ABOUT THIS PACKAGE?

OH, THAT! THAT CAME IN THE MORNING MAIL! THE SPURS I ORDERED FOR LUCKY, REMEMBER?



I'LL... PROBABLY SEND THEM BACK!

OH, NO! YOU COULD SEND THEM TO LUCKY AS A... WELL, AS A FAREWELL PRESENT!



LET ME WRAP THIS FOR YOU AND DROP IT OFF AT LUCKY'S OFFICE ON THE WAY HOME!

I GUESS HE MAY AS WELL HAVE THOSE SPURS! BUT I DON'T THINK HE'LL ACCEPT THEM!



OH, DRAT IT! THERE'S A CUSTOMER!

YOU GO WAIT ON HIM! I'LL FINISH THIS JOB!



OH... MR. EILERS!

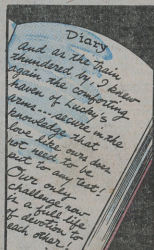
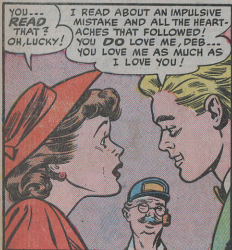
THOUGHT I'D DROP OFF THAT TICKET YOU ASKED ABOUT, DEBBIE! YOU CAN CATCH THE TRAIN FOR DALLAS AT SEVEN-FIFTEEN TONIGHT!



NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SELLING YOU A TICKET OUTTA TOWN, DEBBIE! HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE FIXIN' TO MARRY LUCKY PEYTON, AN' SETTLE DOWN!

YOU WERE... WRONG, MR. EILERS! TH- THANKS FOR STOPPING BY!





THANKS, DEAR DIARY

THE day Ginny Blake entered the radio script room and met Ed Gordon for the first time, she felt that he was sadly out of place! He seemed so mild mannered and easy going that she couldn't imagine him rushing to turn out copy or dashing from a rehearsal room to make a last minute change! What was even more surprising in these surroundings was his apparent shyness which gave him the appearance of a big, bashful boy!

"But a relief, at that," she thought, "compared to some of the know-it-alls I have to work with!" "I'm assistant director on the Studio Drama," she told him, "and I hear you've been assigned to the script! We'll need it by seven tonight!"

"It's finished," he said with a kind of doubtful smile. "I turned it out this morning! Hope it's okay!"

That was fast work. Ginny was almost afraid to read something that had been done so quickly but it proved to be the best so far on the show series. And there was no rushing around to make last minute changes because the director took it as it stood! Almost unheard of, Ginny thought, and Ed surely should be commended and accepted into the inner circle!

"We all think your script is swell," she assured him after the rehearsal, "and it's customary for the gang to go to the coffee shoppe next door after the show's been put together! Won't you join us?"

That was the beginning of Ginny's friendship with Ed! And with it was a keen fascination which he held for her! He was different from the other fellows she knew! He was calm, kind, very sensitive, and most certainly a man of talent! But if he were aware of his superior ability, he never gave any evidence of it! He was timid at all times to the point of appearing actually embarrassed!

Their dating began as a result of the gatherings at the coffee shoppe. Ed lived in the same direction from the studios as Ginny so it was quite natural that he should drive her home. One night, she suggested a long way round so that she could show him some of the sights of the city. Another time, he asked her to go with him to a show. Finally they found themselves spending every spare moment together and Ginny knew that she had fallen headlong for this fellow who was the nicest but shyest man she had ever met! She knew that he was just as much in love with her, too! But weeks and months went by and she began to give up hope that he would ever propose!

One night after he had brought her home and

given her a modest goodnight kiss, he said, "Ginny, you're a great girl! I'd give anything if—" and there he stopped! "No," he added, "I couldn't ask that!"

"I thought he was going to propose," Ginny later sighed to herself, "but I guess he didn't have the courage! What does a gal do to prod a character like that into asking her to marry him?"

Before she got ready to go to bed, she sat down to write in her diary and then a thought struck her! "Maybe," she mused with a smile, "I could plant this where he would find it! Maybe if he knew how I feel, he'd find new confidence! It's worth a try!"

Her diary looked much like an appointment book, the kind that no one would hesitate to open and look at! She cracked the back to be sure it would spread at the proper page! Then she wrote the following:

Dear Diary,

I am so much in love with Ed that I know there will never be anyone else. I believe he loves me, too. If he would ask me to marry him, I'd say yes and be the happiest girl in the world. Only I wonder if he ever will.

The next time he took her home, she made a point of leaving the diary on the car seat beside him. She was positive that when he picked it up, it would open to the entry and no human being could avoid the normal curiosity of glancing at it. The plan worked wonders, as Ginny found out the next night!

Ed took her in his strong arms and said, "I love you but I—well, I was afraid you didn't feel the same about me! Then last night you left this in the car and I didn't know what it was until I opened it and—!" He handed her the book.

"My diary," exclaimed Ginny. "You didn't read it surely!"

"I couldn't help seeing one thing," he confessed, "and I'm glad I did! I've wanted to ask you for a long time but I didn't know whether—well—Ginny, will you marry me?"

"I sure will," she answered and then he kissed her as she had never been kissed before! "Mmm," thought Ginny, "there's nothing shy about the guy now!"

Later, she smiled as she sat down to write in her diary. The little plan had proved successful. Beside the date, she made a simple entry which read briefly:

Thank you, dear diary!

Some Called it **MADNESS**

IT'S DISGRACEFUL! SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HIM!

HMM! LOOKS TO ME AS IF SHE KNOWS HIM PRETTY WELL!

I WAS A CHOICE MORSEL FOR THE GOSSIPS TO CHEW ON! A FEW PITIED ME! OTHERS CONDEMNED ME! AND WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH PAUL RIGGS, SOME CALLED IT SHEER MADNESS! BUT IT WAS ALL HEARTBREAK TO ME!

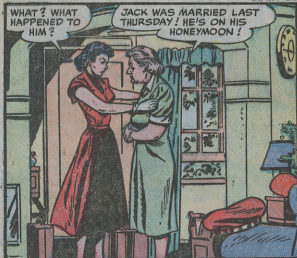
I HAD BEEN AWAY FROM HANVILLE ON A THREE MONTHS' TRIP WHEN I CAME HOME UNEXPECTEDLY! IF I HAD KNOWN WHAT WAS IN STORE, I WOULD HAVE STAYED AWAY!

MOM, I'M BACK!

MARCIA! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO!

THOUGHT I'D SURPRISE YOU! AND JACK, TOO! I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM! HOW IS HE?

I-I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU ABOUT THAT! PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A SHOCK!



WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

JACK WAS MARRIED LAST THURSDAY! HE'S ON HIS HONEYMOON!



MARRIED? OH, NO! THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!



I WISH THERE WERE! I HATE TO SPOIL YOUR HOMECOMING LIKE THIS!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS JUST US! MOM, HOW COULD HE DO THIS TO ME?

A GIRL POURS OUT HER HEART IN HER DIARY! THAT NIGHT, I WROTE...

DEAR DIARY, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. JACK AND I HAVE BEEN SWEETHEARTS FOR YEARS, THEN SOME STRANGER COMES ALONG AND WINS HIM IN TWO WEEKS. WE WEREN'T FORMALLY ENGAGED BUT I THOUGHT WE TOOK IT FOR GRANTED! MY HEART ACHES AND MY EYES BURN FROM CRYING!



TWO DAYS LATER ---

MARCIA, IT WON'T HELP FOR YOU TO SIT HERE AND MOPE! IT WAS A BLOW BUT YOU HAVE TO GET OVER IT!

I KNOW! I WILL!



YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OUT OF THIS HOUSE SINCE YOU CAME HOME! DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO THINK YOU CAN'T TAKE IT?

NO! I SUPPOSE I MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT NOW AS LATER!

OUR TOWN WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER! LOTS OF FINE PEOPLE AND GOSSIPS, TOO! MRS. MARVIN, WHO RAN A BOARDING HOUSE NEXT TO US, WAS A NOTORIOUS MEDDLER! MISS SHELBY, WHO STAYED THERE, WAS NO BETTER!



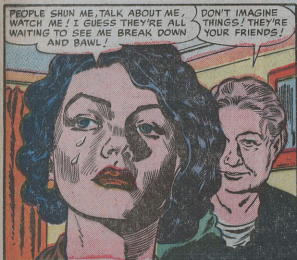
THERE'S MARCIA HAINES! SHE'S COME OUT OF HIDING AT LAST! SHE DOESN'T ACT SO HIGH AND MIGHTY NOW!

GUESS SHE'S FOUND OUT THAT IT TAKES MORE THAN A GOOD FAMILY BACKGROUND AND MONEY TO WIN A MAN!

DIARY LOVES

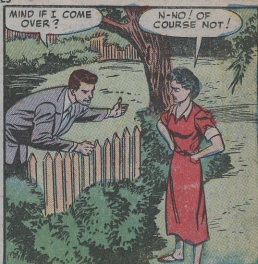
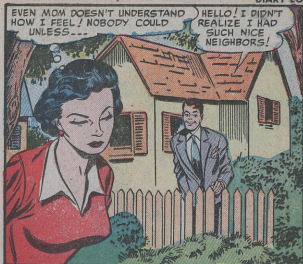


IT WAS! SOME PEOPLE SYMPATHIZED! OTHERS, EMBARRASSED, CHATTED GLIBLY TO AVOID DISCUSSING MY TROUBLE! BUT ONE THING WAS CERTAIN-- EVERYBODY KNEW ABOUT IT AND ALL EYES WERE UPON ME!



MY WOUND WAS DEEP! I DIDN'T LEAVE THE PREMISES FOR WEEKS! MOM WAS WORRIED BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE! I WAS DETERMINED TO SUFFER IN SILENCE AND NOTHING SHE COULD SAY WOULD CHANGE ME!

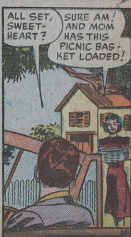




PAUL WAS A FREQUENT VISITOR FROM THAT TIME ON! HE WAS A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST, HANDSOME AND INTRIGUING! AND HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ME AND JACK, I THOUGHT, AND THAT GAVE ME MORE CONFIDENCE!



MOM WAS RELIEVED TO SEE ME COME OUT OF MY SHELL! AND WE BOTH GAVE PAUL THE CREDIT! I WAS WITH HIM ALMOST EVERY NIGHT AND THEN, ONE SUNDAY...



DIARY LOVES

I NEED A DAY IN THE COUNTRY TO RELAX AFTER WORKING HARD ALL WEEK!

WORKING? HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SALESMAN BUT AS FAR AS I CAN FIND OUT, HE HASN'T CALLED ON A CUSTOMER IN TOWN!

PAUL SAID THAT HE HAD COME TO HANVILLE TO SELL SECURITIES! IT DIDN'T MEAN MUCH TO ME! ALL I KNEW WAS THAT HE HAD BROUGHT ME OUT OF MY SELF-IMPOSED ISOLATION AND MADE ME FEEL HUMAN AGAIN!



THIS FOOD'S GOOD! MORE POTATO SALAD, PLEASE?

ANYTHING YOU WANT! THIS IS MORE FUN THAN I'VE HAD FOR A LONG TIME!



HONEY, TELL ME ABOUT IT! WHY DO YOU HAVE SAD EYES?

I'M SURPRISED MRS. MARVIN HASN'T TOLD YOU BEFORE THIS! SO I WILL! YOU'LL KNOW EVENTUALLY ANYWAY!



I DATED JACK BUCKLEY FOR A LONG TIME! THEN I WENT AWAY AND HE MET ANOTHER GIRL AND MARRIED HER! I'VE BEEN BITTER BUT I'M OVER IT!

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR YOU SAY!



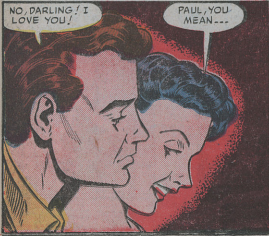
YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT MRS. MARVIN! SHE TOLD ME ABOUT YOU THE FIRST DAY I CAME TO HANVILLE! I WANTED TO MAKE YOU FORGET!

OH? SO YOU'RE SORRY FOR ME, TOO!



NO, DARLING! I LOVE YOU!

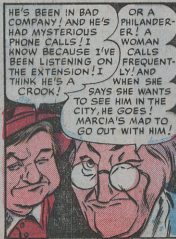
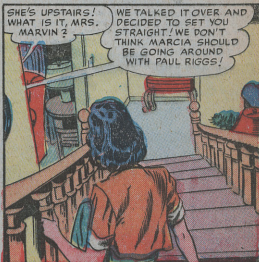
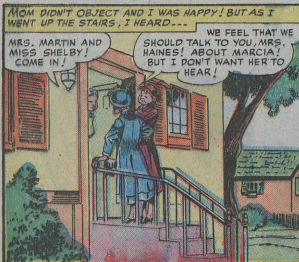
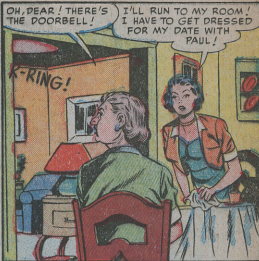
PAUL, YOU MEAN---



HIS ARMS WERE STRONG AND COMFORTING! I FELT THE PLEASANT URGE TO SURRENDER TO HIS LOVE! AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS LOST IN HIS EMBRACE AND WELCOMING HIS WARM KISSES!



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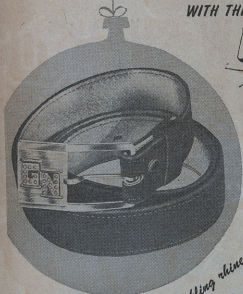
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